



## Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**TO:** Special-Education Directors and District Test Coordinators  
**FROM:** Michael Muenks, Director, Assessment Section  
**DATE:** August 10, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** MAP-A Science Pilot Information

As you may know, we are currently working with Measured Progress, as well as the Assessment Resource Center (ARC), to continue development of the MAP-Alternate (MAP-A). We are inviting special-education teachers to pilot the Science version of the MAP-A during the spring of 2007. The pilot process ensures that we receive input from the group of students and teachers will ultimately use the assessment.

Teachers who pilot the Science version of the MAP-A will have the opportunity to offer recommendations to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) prior to the final version becoming operational in the 2007-2008 school year. Thus, pilot-study teachers will facilitate the revision process and help DESE create a Science alternate assessment that yields reliable and valid information about student learning.

Specific details about the MAP-A Science pilot follow.

- DESE is seeking up to 300 teachers; each teacher will pilot the MAP-A with one or two students. DESE encourages instructional teams that work with the student(s) attend the training.
- DESE is seeking 100 students per grade in grades 5, 8 and 11.
- A one-day **required** training session will be offered at four locations throughout the state. The dates and locations are listed below.

Monday, December 11	Kansas City
Tuesday, December 12	Springfield
Wednesday, December 13	Columbia
Thursday, December 14	St. Louis

- ARC will reimburse mileage to teachers attending the training sessions. If your driving time to the training site is two hours or more, ARC will provide lodging for the evening before the training. Breakfast and lunch will also be provided at the training.
- School districts will be reimbursed for the cost of the substitute teachers for the teachers attending the pilot training.

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- Pilot teachers will be provided with a MAP-A Science Pilot Administration Manual, ProFile software, and the training required to administer the MAP-A Science pilot.
- The implementation window for the pilot is January 8 to March 12, 2007. Teachers will be provided information on how and when to return portfolios to the Assessment Resource Center (ARC).
- Teachers will be asked to complete a survey related to the pilot process.

Please share this information with special-education teachers in your district who are currently working with students who qualify for the MAP-A in grades 5, 8 and 11.

Enclosed is a form that you may copy and distribute. Teachers who are interested should complete the form and return it to ARC by September 20. The ARC fax number is 573-882-8937. We will notify all teachers of their selection status for the MAP-A pilot study by the end of October.

If you have questions about the MAP-A pilot study, please contact Lisa Sireno at ARC at 800-366-8232. Thank you for your assistance with this important effort.

Enclosures

**MAP-A Science Pilot Reply Form**  
**Please fax this form to ARC by September 20.**  
**Fax: (573) 882-8937**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ RPDC Region \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional background in special education and/or general education**

Area of Teacher Certification \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Years of Teaching Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate the number of students who will participate in the pilot and the grade level:

Student #1	Circle grade:	5	8	11
Student #2 (if applicable)	Circle grade:	5	8	11

**Involvement in the MAP-A (check all that apply)**

I have participated in the MAP-A Training.

I have participated on the MAP-A Advisory Council.

I have developed a MAP-A Assessment.

I have contributed to a MAP-A Assessment.

Other- Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

I have not been involved yet. *Important Note: It is not necessary to have the experiences listed above to be selected to pilot the assessment.*

**Training**

Please indicate **one** location you would plan to attend if you are chosen for the pilot and the number of teachers attending from your instructional team.

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|---|-------------|----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, December 11    | Kansas City | _____ teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday, December 12   | Springfield | _____ teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, December 13 | Columbia    | _____ teachers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday, December 14  | St. Louis   | _____ teachers |

Please list instructional team members (if any) who would attend with you, and their roles in completing the MAP-A.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

MAP-A Role \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

MAP-A Role \_\_\_\_\_